

STOP THE VIOLENCE MONTH

WHEREAS: Every person can move the world in the direction of peace through his or her daily nonviolent choices and actions. An awareness of nonviolent principles and practices is a powerful way to heal, transform and empower our lives and communities; and

WHEREAS: Stop the Violence Month serves as an opportunity to recognize the individuals, programs and organizations who are making a difference in our communities and to join in their efforts to move our society to a more peaceful era; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is proud to help educate the public regarding the impact of crime on society and help prevent violence wherever and whenever possible; and

WHEREAS: Community crime and violence prevention efforts such as this can significantly reduce victimization and help rebuild a sense of mutual responsibility and shared pride in our neighborhoods, communities, state and nation; and

WHEREAS: April is National Stop the Violence Month, honoring our men and women in the military, government, and law enforcement agencies that are protecting our borders and people against terrorism; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2003 as STOP THE VIOLENCE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

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